



# Minnesota Board of Teaching

## Board of Teaching Minutes

November 8, 2013

Board members present: Erin Azer, James Barnhill, John Bellingham, Lesa Covington Clarkson, Jim Grabowska, Mike Larson, Diane O'Brien, Karen Palmen, Loy Woelber, Ann Krafthefer (via Conference Call)

Board members not present:

**I. Call to order:** The November 8, 2013, meeting of the Minnesota Board of Teaching was convened by Chair, John Bellingham at 8:33 a.m. at the Minnesota Department of Education, Conference Center A, Room 13.

Chair John Bellingham welcomed Board members, staff, and guests to the meeting.

## II. Business Meeting

**A. Approval of Agenda with Flexibility:** J. Grabowska moved approval of the agenda with flexibility. L. Covington Clarkson seconded the motion. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**B. Consent Agenda:** J. Grabowska moved approval of the Consent Agenda. L. Woelber seconded the motion. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

1. Approval of the September 13, 2013, Board of Teaching minutes.

2. Waiver requests:

## November 2013 Waiver List

Academic Arts HS – Project Based	Andrew Ng Kelly Thompson James Maclachlan	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Anoka-Hennepin – ALC	Jill Parent	Experimental Prog.
Cass Lake-Bena – ALC	Carmen Schmitz Deborah Nelson Diane Mason Michael Clemens Kari Borgman	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Elk River – ALC	Sondra Dahlberg Therese Seitz	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.

	Jacqueline Ewert	Experimental Prog.
Hibbing – ALP	Carol Pengal MaryPat Rocchino	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Hinckley Finlayson – ALP	Bradley Jensen	Experimental Prog.
Inver Grove Heights – ALP and Project Lead the Way	Krishna Yuvaraj Mary Dillon Katherine Martin	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
LaCrescent Montessori Academy – Multi age –Holistic Curriculum	Tami Holtslander	Experimental Prog.
Milaca – ALC	Elizabeth Hoover Marjorie Conigliaro	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Minneapolis – Care and Treatment Center	Ryan Galindo Joan Toohey Joan Owens	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Minnesota Internship Center – Circle Method	Debra Clark	Experimental Prog.
Northland Community – ALP	Jodi Weston	Experimental Prog.
Northland Learning Center – ALC	Kasey Haugen Ellen Pierce Lynn Lockhart Melissa Betzolt	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Owatonna – Advisor Model	Valorie Rose Erin Stumo Dam Nguyen Paul Krumrie	Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog. Experimental Prog.
Region 6 & 8 SW/WC Coop – Care and Treatment Center	Judd Alberty	Experimental Prog.
St. Paul Schools – Non Licensure Area	Vam Yajzt	Hmong Language K- 12
SOCRATES – Online Learning Model	Kayla Koble	Experimental Prog.
Trio Wolf Creek Distance Learning – Advisor Model	Hanna Coleman	Experimental Prog.

3. Variance and Temporary Limited License Appeals issued. Report was received.

### **C. Nonlicensed Community Expert Request**

#### **GROUP I – First Time Community Experts** **November 2013**

Best Academy	Chandell Knox	Physical Education K-12
Harvest Preparatory	Chandell Knox	Physical Education K-12
Faribault	Nicole Patock	Learning Disabilities K- 12
Mastery School	Chandell Knox	Physical Education K-12

Minneapolis	Hinahumwa Hungiapulo	Life Science and Earth Science 9-12
New Century	Kelly McCormick	Dance K-12
Perham-Dent	Kasey Wacker	Communication Arts & Lit. 5-12
St. Paul Schools	Kristin Hancock	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12

J. Grabowska moved to approve First Time Community Experts request with exceptions: Badal, Best, Hungiapula, Nipa. L. Woelber seconded the motion. No discussion of remaining candidates. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, L. Clarkson, K. Palmen, A. Kraftheffer, L. Woelber and J. Bellingham voted Yes. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

J. Grabowska moved to approve the request from Best Academy (Nipula Nipa). Motion seconded by E. Azer. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, A. Kraftheffer, K. Palmen, L. Woelber, John Bellingham voted No; L. Clarkson Abstained. ***Motion fails.***

J. Grabowska moved to approve the request from Best Academy (Leonard Cain). Seconded by Azer. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, A. Kraftheffer, K. Palmen, John Bellingham voted No. L. Woelber voted Yes. L. Clarkson Abstained. ***Motion fails.***

J. Grabowska moved to approve the request from Best Academy (Joshua Dramola). E. Azer seconded. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, L. Clarkson, A. Kraftheffer, K. Palmen, L. Woelber, John Bellingham voted No. ***Motion fails.***

K. Palmen moved to approve the request from Best Academy (Milgo Bidal). J. Grabowska seconded. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, K. Palmen, A. Kraftheffer, L. Woelber, J. Bellingham voted No. L. Clarkson Abstained. ***Motion fails.***

Nilupa Nipa also on the list for both Best Academy and Mastery School. J. Grabowska moved to approve the request from Harvest Prep (Nilupa Nipa). Seconded by J. Barnhill. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, A. Kraftheffer, K. Palmen, L. Woelber, John Bellingham voted No. L. Woelber voted Yes. L. Clarkson Abstained. ***Motion fails.***

J. Grabowska moved to approve the request from Harvest Prep (Leonard Cain). Seconded by K. Palmen. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, A. Kraftheffer, K. Palmen, J. Bellingham voted No. L. Woelber voted Yes. L. Clarkson Abstained. ***Motion fails.***

J. Grabowska moved to approve the request from Harvest Prep (Joshua Dramola). Seconded by K. Palmen. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, A. Kraftheffer, K. Palmen, L. Woelber, J. Bellingham voted No. L. Clarkson Abstained. ***Motion fails.***

J. Grabowska moved to approve the request of Mastery Schools (Nilupa Nipa). Seconded by K. Palmen. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, A. Kraftheffer, K. Palmen, J. Bellingham voted No. L. Woelber voted Yes. L. Clarkson Abstained. ***Motion Fails.***

J. Grabowska moved to approve the request from Minneapolis Schools (Billy Brown). E. Azer seconded. J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, L. Woelber, J. Bellingham voted Yes. M. Larson, D. O'Brien, L. Clarkson, A. Kraftheffer, K. Palmen voted No. ***Motion fails on 5-5 vote.***

J. Grabowska moved to approve the request from Minneapolis Schools (Hinahumwa Hungiapulo). E. Azer seconded. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, L. Clarkson, A. Krafthefer, K. Palmen, L. Woelber, J. Bellingham voted Yes. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

## GROUP II – Community Experts – Renewals/Repeats November 2013

Harvest Prep	Brandon Porter	Developmental Disabilities K-12
Hopkins	Yiran Li	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
	Dilu Shi	Elementary Education Immersion K-6
St. Paul	Fredy Guzman Perez Ju-Cheng Wang	Spanish Language K-12 Chinese Language K-12

J. Grabowska moved to approve Group II: Nonlicensed Community Experts Requests – Renewals. L. Woebler Seconded the motion. L. Clarkson, D. O'Brien, J. Barnhill, J. Grabowska, A. Krafthefer, L. Woelber, and J. Bellingham voted Yes; M. Larson voted No; K. Palmen abstained. ***Motion carried.***

## D. Discretionary Variance Requests

### Discretionary Variance Requests November 2013

Aurora Charter School	Maribel Zuniga	Math 6-8
Community Schools of Excellence	Kadtism Moua Ker	Hmong Language K-8
Elk River Schools	Tim Howard	Emotional Behavior Disorders K-12
Perham-Dent Schools	Dena Mekalson	Speech Language Pathologist K-4
St. Paul Schools	Derrick Carr	Mathematics 9-12
Non District Request	James Perovich	Communication Arts and Literature 5-12

L. Woelber moved to approve Discretionary Variance Requests. J. Grabowska seconded. No discussion. M. Larson, J. Grabowska, E. Azer, J. Barnhill, D. O'Brien, L. Clarkson, A. Krafthefer, K. Palmen, L. Woelber, J. Billingham voted Yes. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

## E. Public Comment

### ***Deb Pitton*** – MACTE Fall Meeting Report RE: Transitions

**Connie Hayes**, Superintendent – Intermediate District 916: RE: partnership with the U of M. for EBD teachers.

**III. Unfinished Business:** None reported.

## **IV. New Business:**

November elections. Need to appoint a nominating committee, nominate in November, elections in December and new officers take over the duties in January. Positions to be elected are Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Committee. Candidates will be presented in December and a vote will be taken. Members of the nominating committee are: Ms. Clarkson, Ms. Azer and Mr. Barnhill.

## **V. Reports:**

**A. MDE Report:** None at this time.

### **B. BOT Legislative Committee:**

A Legislative Committee was established in October. It is necessary at this time to restructure this committee, since Ryan Vernosh is no longer able to be on the board. The new committee will consist of Diane O'Brien, Karen Palmen, Jim Barnhill and Jim Grabowska. Diane O'Brien and Jim Barnhill will co-chair the committee. They will be charged to establish recommendations for the legislature and will present to the full board in December and/or January.

### **C. Out of State Streamlining:**

Board recommends that a work group be established to look at all of these specific questions. Jim Barnhill, Loy Woelber and Lesa Clarkson were appointed to the working group.

### **Executive Director Report:**

E.D. posting closes on 12<sup>th</sup> of November. Currently, eleven candidates. Have the option to expand the search if necessary.

At the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Nancy Haan from Pearson will make presentation on the contents of the various testing exams.

### **Board Chair Report:**

Establishing an interview committee to begin interviews for the new Executive Director position as soon as screening of the applicants is finished.

Teacher Licensure Advisory Task Force – John Bellingham and Jim Barnhill. This task force will make recommendations to legislature on basic skills tests. Report is due by February.

J. Grabowska moved to close for licensure matters. Seconded by E. Azer. ***Motion carried.***

### **VI. Licensure Matters:** Chair Bellingham closed meeting for Licensure Matters at 9:58 a.m.

J. Grabowska moved that the Board of Teaching adopt the Stipulation Agreement in the matter of the teaching license of Laurie Moen signed by Laurie L. Moen on October 8, 2013, and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Stipulation Agreement on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Teaching. K. Palmen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Larson moved to return to open session. Seconded by J. Grabowska. ***Motion carried.***

Returned to open session at 10:02 a.m.

Discussion by Barnhill and Fiona Ruthven (BOT counsel) regarding ethics violations and background checks.

### **VII. Adjourn:** M. Larson moved to adjourn. J. Grabowska seconded. ***Motion carried.*** Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

***Next meeting: Friday, December 13, 2013***

*Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Millar, Administrative Assistant*